GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2903
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PURCHASE OF MEDICINES FOR HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for the purchase of medicines for armed forces hospitals ;

(b) whether there is any quality check on these purchases ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether medicines of only branded companies are purchased or of some local companies also ;

(e) if so, the details thereof ;

(f) the criteria for empanelment of suppliers ;

(g) whether the bank account of suppliers and their standing in the market is ascertained ;

(h) the system of local purchase of medicines; and

(i) the control over local purchase in small quantity ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to(i): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO
(i) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2903 FOR ANSWER ON 3.9.2007

Procurement of medicines by the Directorate General Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS) for the Armed Forces Hospitals is governed by the Defence Procurement Manual 2006 (DPM-2006). The eligibility criteria for the vendors to participate in DGAFMS tenders for purchase of medicines are as under:-

(i)Directorate General Quality Assurance (DGQA) Registration or Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) Certificate issued for the plant by the State/Central authorities duly supported by manufacturing licence, annual turnover of pharmaceutical products only of more than Rs.20 crores per year for the last three consecutive years, last three years statement of accounts duly audited by Chartered Accountant or original inventor of the molecule and Manufacturing & Marketing Certificate.

(ii)For Imported drugs, World Health Organisation Good Manufacturing Practice (WHO GMP) Certificate/Certificate of Pharmaceutical Product (COPP), registration certificate for import of drug, licence to import drugs will be required along with Annual Turnover certificate and Manufacturing/Marketing certificate of the foreign manufacturer.

The quality of medicines purchased is ensured by pre-supply testing by DGQA or by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) for the stores of value more than Rs.1.5 lakhs.The quality of stores of value less than Rs.1.5 lakhs is ensured by Post Lab Test of random samples by the purchaser.The quality of the foreign products is ensured by Drug Controller General of India (DCGI).

The procurement is based on the lowest price (L1) quoted by any firm who fulfills the eligibility criteria.

Commandants/Commanding Officers of hospitals and Depots follow the guidelines given in the Defence Procurement Manual-2006 for local purchase of medicines, within the financial powers delegated to them.